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MARC PAGE: First of all I want to thank the court reporter and the timekeeper and Tim and everyone else that's working here and speaking here and listening here. Since the beginning of democracy is the freedom of speech. As we know these processes the DOE has set up is not continuing through with the full amount of democracy that we can actually act upon what we hear and we have a chance to discuss it, first of all, then we can take action. So I thank everyone for being here.

1 The whole Yucca Mountain thing to me is -- I'm Marc Page, P-a-g-e. [To me Yucca Mountain is a symbol of one of the legacies that our people, the United States people living in North America have to leave for humanity is this nuclear waste issue for generations and continue to harm people for such a long time.]

2 [When an airplane crashes it makes the news because it's, you know, a lot of people dying at the same time. But the same amount of people can die in the same day in a bunch of car accidents all around the country. So in some way this Yucca Mountain thing puts all of the problems of the nuclear waste that we all have to face because we're all using electricity, we're all benefiting from this environmental degradation and these problems, this cancer causing horrible stuff, this nuclear radioactive waste, we're all benefiting from that in our use of electricity.

It's a communal problem deal. We need to deal with it. And Yucca is that symbol of putting it all in one place like in an airplane crash versus car accidents or other methods of death that people have devised for themselves.. So that is one reason I think that the people have gathered and are trying to do something about it. But we need to continue regardless of whatever happens to Yucca Mountain, we all need to focus on our lifestyle choices and our responsibility as other people said tonight.

And I'd also like to make the statement that the process needs to continue, that the freedom of speech forum needs to continue and it needs to be expanding to a real process where people have a say so in what we're going to do with our communal problem of nuclear waste.

And so this also is all sort of a warning, my statement, because we live in the most powerful empire that the world has ever known, having so much control over the rest of the planet. And this empire, the United States, has also been -- it doesn't just exercise its power and control through the threat of nuclear weapons and whatever else it can come up with and maintain the policy of our economy being God in this country.

But the United States, in addition to controlling the rest of the planet and having that influence, it also has done a masterful job of keeping us people in the United States from finding true fulfillment and love, because it behooves the interest of those who are in charge to control and to dominate the rest of the planet.

And it behooves them to confuse the rest of us in the United States and make sure that this process does not go anywhere in terms of the people's voice having a say so in what we do with our communal problem of nuclear waste.

3 So I suggest that the Yucca Mountain project be immediately stopped until, at least, number one, that the  
4 issue of title of the land is resolved with the native peoples of this area. That's the first thing that needs to happen, in addition to the other first thing of people stopping to produce the nuclear waste, because we're all realizing it's a problem. We need to find other ways to have electricity, find other ways to do that, and we've got that ingenuity as the beautiful creatures that we are in our brains to be able to come up with other ways to produce electricity.

5 So there's also an opportunity that we have because despite the fact that we're in this most powerful empire in the history of the world, there's a weakness and that is that the United States still allows freedom of speech. And so if we don't exercise that and start listening to each other and go beyond just the freedom of speech and into dialogue and into further action based on the wisdom that we can come up with communally, then we can do a good job of taking care of each other despite the powers that be in the United States.

Thank you.